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CASTE RELIGION WISE ENROLMENT IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National University of Educational Planning and Administration has carried out any survey on caste/religion-wise enrolment in school;

(b) if so, the findings of the survey; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in view of the said findings?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c) National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) collects elementary school statistics annually through the District Information System (DISE) from all districts in the country which includes, inter alia,information on enrolment of children in the 6-14 years age group, disaggregated by gender and social categories.

DISE data for 2006-07 has revealed total enrolment of 17,93,42,817 children at elementary level, of which 8,54,97,566 are girls, 3,56,42,553 are SC, 1,91,70,368 are ST, 7,51,92,721 are OBC and 1,59,50,533 are Muslim children.

The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides for, inter-alia, strengthening of school infrastructure, more access to schools in districts with educationally disadvantaged groups, and additional support for girl's education in educationally backward blocks. Further to target children of disadvantaged groups, inter-alia, free textbooks, remedial teaching are also provided to increase their enrolment and retention in schools.